Route	Agewise distribution of stations (Nos)			
	25-30 Yrs.	31-35 Yrs.	35 Yrs.	Total
C	3	5	33	41
D Special	11	14	125	150
D	79	25	122	226
E Special	13	13	65	91
E	77	125	253	455
TOTAL (BG)	325	275	827	1427
M.G.	80	108	573	761
G. Total:	405	383	1400	2188

Requirement of Passenger Coaches

†2179. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various types of passenger coaches required every year by the Railways;

(b) whether the country's coach factories meet this requirement of passenger coaches or the same have also to be imported from abroad;

(c) whether Government export passenger coaches; and

(d) if so, the country-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) During last three years, the Railways have yearly acquired nearly 30 types of passenger coaches.

(b) The present capacity available in the two coach factories of Indian Railways i.e. Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai and Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala, supplemented by two coach factories in the public sector i.e. M/s Jessops & Co., Kolkata and M/s Bharat Earth Movers Limited, Bangalore, is more than sufficient to meet the requirement of Indian Railways. There is therefore, no import of coaches on account of shortage in capacity.

(c) Yes, Sir. M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) and M/s Indian Railway Construction Limited (IRCON), the two public sector undertakings under Ministry of Railways are nominated to export the rolling stock & spares manufactured by Indian Railways.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The details of export of coaches and coach spares, manufactured by the two Indian Railway Coach Factories, during last 10 years are as under:

ICF

Year	No. of coaches/coach spares	Country to whom exported
1994-95	15 MG coaches	Vietnam
1997-98	27 MG coaches	Tanzania

RCF

Year	No. of coach spares	Country to whom exported
2000-01	72 Nos. MG Bogies	Vietnam

Golden quadrilateral rail project for Metros

2180. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to draw up a golden quadrilateral project, connecting the four Metros with an additional line, to augment the rail network on the high density corridors;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the funds required therefor; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Strengthening high density corridors by means of additional lines and other necessary inputs is a continuous and ongoing process. As a part of this exercise, a number of works which will result in strengthening the Golden Quadrilateral have been taken up and are in progress.

A consolidated plan for identifying all the inputs wherever required, *e.g.*,doubling/laying additional lines, electrification, improvement in signalling track structure, rolling stock etc., including the funds required is being prepared.